



BIBLE TRUTH 4 OVERVIEW

UNIT 1: The God Who Reveals Himself

Big Question and Answer: “How Can I Know What God Is Like? He Shows Me What He’s Like!”

Bible Verse: “For behold, He who formed the mountains, creates the winds, and declares to man what is His thought. The LORD, the God of hosts, is His name.” Amos 4:13 ESV

Bible Truth 4 Concept: God Speaks through His Word, the Bible

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Bible Truth 4 Bible Verse

Meditation Version: Psalm 119:18, 72-73

“Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of your law...The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Your hands made me and fashioned me; give me understanding to learn your commandments.”

Alternate Memory Version: Psalm 119:18

“Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous thing out of your law.”

Bible Truth 4 ACTS Prayer

- A** We praise You, God, for being the God who reveals Himself to us through Your Word, the Bible.
- C** We confess that many times we don’t want to learn from Your Word, the Bible. Many times we don’t want to obey what it tells us to do. We would rather think about ourselves or do something else that seems more fun. We need a Savior to save us!
- T** Thank You, God for giving us the Bible so we can know more about You, more about why You made us, and how to be saved through Jesus.
- S** God, help us to know You better as we read the Bible, Your Word. Help us to live out what the Bible tells us to do. Use it to work in our hearts that we might turn from our sins, trust in Jesus and be saved.

Bible Truth 4 Stories

Lesson 1: The Case of the Burning Hearts (New Testament)

Luke 24:13-35

Lesson 2: The Case of the Ragged Bible (Story of the Saints)

Lesson 3: The Case of the Forgotten Book (Old Testament)

Deuteronomy 4,5,27-30,34; Jeremiah 1-2,4,11,25,36

1. GETTING STARTED: Welcome and Opening Songs (*introduce unit and get kids moving with these songs*)

<p>Welcome</p>	<p>“Welcome to Praise Factory. We’re so glad you’ve joined us! Here at the PFI we are investigators. (That’s what the “I” stands for!) Investigators look for answers to questions. In PFI, we look for answers to big questions about God. We dig deep down in the truths of God’s Word to find them.”</p>
<p>Praise Factory Theme Song</p>	<p>“Let’s sing our Praise Factory Investigator’s theme song.”</p> <p>PFI: Praise Factory Investigators <i>PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 1</i></p> <p>We’re PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word, That’s PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word, We’re looking for answers to very big questions, Big questions about God, If you’re looking for answers to very big questions ‘bout God, come along, Join PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word, That’s PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word. Deep down, diggin’ down, Let’s go diggin’ down, Deep down, diggin’ down, ‘Til answers to all our Big Questions we’ve found. We’re PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word, That’s PFI: Praise Factory Investigators, Diggin’ deep down for truths in God’s Word.</p>
<p>Classroom Rules Song</p>	<p>An important part of Praise Factory is helping us worship God and love one another. Our WoGoLOA song reminds us how we should act. Let’s sing it.”</p> <p>WoGoLOA Rules Song <i>PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 2</i></p> <p>Refrain: WoGoLOA means “Worship God and love one another,” WoGoLOA means “Worship God and love one another.”</p> <p>WoGo means “Worship God.” Sound off, 1,2,3, Joyfully take part, Listen to others, Obey your teachers. (<i>Refrain</i>)</p> <p>LOA means “Love One Another.” Sound off, 1,2,3, Be kind, Be encouraging, Help others, help others. (<i>Refrain twice</i>)</p>

1. GETTING STARTED, continued

Opening Prayer	"Let's ask God to help us obey these rules, and to help us worship Him and love one another as we learn more about Him today. Let's pray." <i>Pray.</i>
Big Question Under Investigation:	<p>"Now it's time to turn to today's Big Question Under Investigation.</p> <p>It's: How Can I Know What God Is Like?</p> <p>"God made us. He wants us to know what He's like so we can know Him, enjoy Him, love Him and glorify Him. We don't have to figure out what God is like by ourselves. We couldn't do that. So God shows us what He's like.</p> <p>So the answer to our Big Question, 'How Can I Know What God Is Like?' is: God Shows Me What He's Like!</p>
Big Question 1 and Songs	<p>"Let's sing our Big Question Song(s): <i>choose one or both</i></p> <p>Big Q & A 1 Song <i>PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 3</i> <i>(adapted version of "This Is the Way We Wash Our Clothes")</i> How can I know what God is like, God is like, God is like? How can I know what God is like? He shows me what He's like!</p> <p>Big Question 1 Song: How Can I Know What God Is Like? <i>PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 4</i> I have a very big question, A big question 'bout God. I have a very big question, It's Big Question Number One, I wanna know...</p> <p><i>Refrain:</i> How can I know what God is like? How can I know what God is like? How can I know what God is like? He shows me what He's like!</p> <p>Verse 1: He gave me a heart to know God, He made everything I see. Big tall mountains, galloping horses, Every little bird and bee. Everybody sing... <i>(Refrain)</i></p> <p>Verse 2: He gave us the Bible, His Word, To learn of His mighty deeds, But most of all, through Jesus, His Son, God shows Himself to me. Everybody sing.... <i>(Refrain)</i></p>

1. GETTING STARTED, continued**Unit 1
Bible Verse**

You may also enjoy some other versions this verse:
He Who Declares His Thought
PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 6
He Who Forms the Mountains
PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 7
Behold,
PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 8
For Behold,
PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 8

"How do I know this is true? The Bible tells me so!

Amos 4:13 tells us: "For behold, He who forms the mountains, creates the wind and declares to man what is His thought...the LORD, the God of hosts, is His name."

**Big Question 1 Bible Verse Song
The LORD Declares: Amos 4:13 ESV**

PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 5

The LORD declares to man his thought,
The LORD declares to man his thought,
The LORD declares to man his thought,
Amos Four, thirteen.

"The LORD created everything--even us! He's the one to declares to us what His thoughts are. That means He shows us what He's like."

"It's time for us to dig down deeper for answers to our Big Question. We're learning **FIVE** Bible Truths that all tell us something about how God us what He's like. We've already learned some already. Can you remember them? (God Made Our Hearts

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN: Key Concept and Story (introduce the Bible Truth and tell the related story)**Bible Truth 4**

through Prophets)

The Bible Truth we are going to be thinking about today is:
God Speaks through His Word, the Bible.

God used many people to write down His words in the Bible. The Holy Spirit worked in their hearts and minds to help them write down exactly what God wanted written. That's why the Bible is called God's Word. It's the only book where God's words are written down perfectly.

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2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**Bible Truth 4
Hymn**

“Long ago, a man named John Newton was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to this hymn. He called it “Amazing Grace.” We’re going to learn a verse from it.”

Amazing Grace*PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 20***Verse 4**

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word, my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

“This hymn reminds us that God’s people read in His Word His promises to do good to them. They know that they can have unfailing hope in Him for their salvation, their protection and provision for all their needs. They know they can depend on Him for these things their whole live because God always does what He promises to do.”

**Bible Truth 4
Bible Verse
and Song**

“The Bible verse we are going to be digging down into for this Bible Truth is:

Psalms 119:18, 72-73

“Open my eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of your law... The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Your hands made me and fashioned me; give me understanding to learn your commandments.”

There is no book like the Bible! It alone is God’s Word, written down perfectly. When we read the Bible, God speaks to us about who He is, who we are, and why He made us. He tells us how we can be saved and live to please Him. That is why it is more precious to God’s people than even a lot of money—because they want to know those things and live out those things most of all.

We’ve said our Bible verse, now let’s sing it!

Open My Eyes*PFI ESV Songs 1, Track 21*

Open my eyes that I may behold,
Wondrous things out of your law.
Open my eyes that I may behold,
Wondrous things out of your law.
The law of your mouth is better to me,
Than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.
Your hands they made me and fashioned me.
Give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.
Open my eyes that I may behold,
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Open my eyes that I may behold,
Wondrous things out of your law.
Psalm One-nineteen, eighteen, seventy two and three.

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 1 STORY****New Testament Story:****The Case of the Burning Hearts**
Luke 24:13-35

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Burning Hearts.**

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

- 1. Who had burning hearts! What did that mean?**
- 2. What made their hearts burn?**

(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)

Read story.

After reading story, ask for the children's answers to the questions.

1. Who had burning hearts? What did that mean? Cleopas and his friend as they listened to Jesus. It means that they were so full of faith and joy with the truths that Jesus was explaining to them.

2. What made their hearts burn? The truths of the Bible that Jesus explained, showing that He really was the Messiah, come to save God's people.

Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story)

LESSON 2 STORY**Story of the Saints:****The Case of the Ragged Bible**

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Ragged Bible.**

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

- 1. Who did the Ragged Bible belong to? Why was it ragged?**
- 2. What did Sam do to replace it?**

(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)

Read story.

After reading story, ask for the children's answers to the questions.

1. Who did the Ragged Bible belong to? What was it ragged? Sam's mother, then Sam. It was ragged from being used so much.

2. What did Sam do to replace it? He walked all the way around the island twice to get a new one and pay for it.

Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story))

2. DIGGING DEEP DOWN, continued**LESSON 3****Old Testament Story:****The Case of the Forgotten Book**Deuteronomy
4,5,27-30,34;

Jeremiah

1-2,4,11,25,36

"Now it's time for today's story called: **The Case of the Forgotten Book.**

As you listen to the story, see if you can figure out:

- 1. What was the Forgotten Book?**
- 2. Who should have remembered it? What happened because they forgot it?**

(If desired, write these questions on a sheet of paper to refer to when the story is finished.)

Read story.

After reading story, ask for the children's answers to the questions.

1. What was the Forgotten Book?

God's Word, the Bible.

2. Who should have remembered it? What happened because they forgot it? The people of Israel and their kings forgot it. They turned away from God and worshiped other fake gods. When they would not turn back, the LORD disciplined them by sending them to Babylon. In the end, they turned back to the LORD.

Close in prayer. (prayer suggestions included at end of story)

3. TAKING ACTION: Response Activities *(choose from among these activities)***Response Activities**

- **ACTS Prayer Activity:** Add your own prayer requests to the ACTS prayer
- **Sneaky Snack:** Story-related snack
- **Bible Truth Review Activity:** Game with questions related to the Bible Truth
- **Bible Truth Hymn:** Music activities to learn a portion of a Bible Truth-related hymn
- **Bible Verse Review Activity:** Game with questions related to Bible Truth Bible verse
- **Bible Verse Song:** Music activities to learn the Bible Verse song
- **Story Review Activity:** Game with questions related to the Bible Truth and Case
- **Case RePlay, Jr. and Sr.:** Two drama activities that review the story: one for younger children, one for older children.
- **Craft:** Story-related craft
- **VIPP (Very Important Prayer Person):** Game and a coloring activity to help children learn about people in your church and how to pray for them.

(VIP resources: found online or at back of this book)

4. TAKING IT TO OTHERS *Optional presentations for the last few minutes of class***Presenting to Other Children**

If you split the children into different response activities, you can gather the children together again and have each small group make presentations to show the other children what they learned. Presentation ideas are included in the resources for each activity.

Presenting to Parents

If you keep your children together for response activities, you can have them make a presentation of something they have learned to their parents when they come to pick them up from class. Presentation ideas are included in the resources for each activity.

5. TAKING IT HOME *(Take Home Sheet)***PFI Pronto**

Give out the PFI Pronto for the case story as well as any other materials as the children are dismissed.